

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Accreditation
Briefing**



1. Public Health Accreditation Board
 - Members-All- (attachment)
 - WA related Members: Bud Nicola, Alonzo Plough, and Pat Libby
2. Work groups and WA members
 - Standards: developing Standards- Torney Smith
 - Equivalency: how to use existing state processes- Joan Brewster
 - Assessment Process: design the accrediting processes- Rita Schmidt
 - Research and Evaluation: developing an evaluation plan for Standards and processes
3. Eligible Applicants for PH Accreditation
 - State health departments
 - Territorial health departments
 - Local (city and county) health departments
 - Tribal health departments
4. PHAB Timeline (attachment)
5. WA Discussions
 - Two discussions with each Forum (PHELF, CHELF, EH)
 - Two discussions with SMT
 - Content:
 - I. Awareness of National Accreditation
 - II. Standards review and WA. Options

PHIP Retreat-Spring of 2009- Options and decisions
6. Possible options for WA
 - A. Substantial Equivalent Recognition (SER)-meet the PHAB criteria
 - Allows states with existing accreditation processes to continue
 - WA has gaps in Accreditation processes (attached matrix)
 - Process for LHJ's only
 - PHAB will make decisions on 8/25/08
 - Designation will probably be time limited
 - B. Modify WA Standards Review Processes
 - Modify WA Standards to be more like National PHAB Standards
 - Use process to prepare LHJ's and the State for Accreditation
 - Use results to encourage specific agencies to pursue accreditation
 - C. Continue with current Standards Review Processes as is, for 3 years and reevaluate
 - Each agency would decide whether to pursue accreditation independently
 - D. Pending Options
 - Possible agent of PHAB, or others
7. Other relevant information
 - PHAB will eventually be fee supported-accreditation fees
 - There are potentially over 3,000 LHJ's to be accredited
 - Only two states are currently conferring a PHAB-like accreditation-NC, Missouri
 - MCPP Healthcare Consulting is providing the consultant work for the PHAB Standards Committee